



Woman’s Club “Shining Star” Award to Linda Hess of Urban Harvester

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Woman’s Club of South Pasadena is pleased to announce its’ first “Shining Star” Award to a woman in the community who has made a difference in the lives of individuals in need. The 2014 award will honor South Pasadena resident, Linda Hess, founder and President of Urban Harvester, and will be presented during the May 7th luncheon meeting and monthly program at the Woman’s Club. The public is invited to attend the event to be held at the Clubhouse, 1424 Fremont Avenue.

Since 2009, Linda, has been connecting grocery stores, restaurants, and caterers with hungry people. Linda and her Urban Harvester team work with these groups to collect excess fresh food that complies with the Good Samaritan Food Acts limiting liability for donated food. The food is then supplied to service providers to food-insecure people and to homeless shelters, including Union Station and other organizations in Pasadena. Both donors and receivers are pre-vetted and must adhere to stringent food safety, storage, and delivery requirements.

Urban Harvester’s approach is less asset-based and more relationship-driven. Linda and a core of devoted professionals and volunteers identify and sign-on quality food sources and connect them with organizations. In 2013, Urban

Harvester recovered more than 43,000 pounds of food, equal to providing 35,000 meals. For more information, visit



www.urbanharvester.org.

Beverly Passon, President of the Woman’s Club says Linda’s work is ideally suited to our “Shining Star” award. She not only reflects the Woman’s Club mission to provide service and undertake philanthropic projects to enhance the lives of those in need, but her caring and compassionate work with Urban Harvester offers a beacon of light — a shining star of hope to the hungry and those in need of food.” Passon adds, “Linda is not only improving the lives of those in need today, but sets an example to inspire other women to do the same.”

The Club meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. and the “Shining Star” presentation to Hess is at 11:00 a.m. followed by a program, “Let Your Garden Go Wild” a slide & power point presentation by Barbara Eisenstein, horticulturist, research associate at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens and expert on sustainable native plants. The meeting will conclude with luncheon. Cost is \$12. For reservations, call (323) 255-5739 or (626) 799-2395 or email spwc1899@aol.com

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